

III. REMARKS

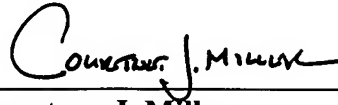
This document is being submitted in Response to the Office Communication of 01/11/2006, in which the Patent Office indicated that the Applicant's reply of 10/24/2005 was not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because the Applicant failed to indicate which of the newly added claims are considered to be readable on the elected species.

The Applicant's reply of 10/24/2005 was a Response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed by the Patent Office on September 30, 2005, which indicated that the Applicant's Response of September 21, 2005 did not include a complete listing of all the claims. The Applicant's Amendment and Response of September 21, 2005 was submitted in response to the non-final Office Action mailed on 03/21/05. In this Office Action, claims 1-21 of the above-referenced application were pending and claims 1-10 and 21 stood as rejected by the Patent Office. Claims 11-20 were withdrawn from consideration, claims 1-10 and 21 were cancelled, and new claims 22-40 were added. Of new claims 22-40, claims 22-26, 28-33, 35-38, and 40 are considered to be readable upon the elected species, i.e., Species A, the light-dispersing medium being a solid. The new claims are consistent with the application as originally filed and no new matter has been added.

The cancellation of claim 1-10 and 21 makes any further discussion of the Patent Office's rejection (see pages 3-9 of the 03/21/2005 Office Action) of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) unnecessary; however, the Applicant wishes to point out that the new claim elements of a "at least one light-admitting surface" and " at least one light-reflecting surface, wherein the angle of the at least one light-reflecting surface is adjustable relative to the at least one light-admitting surface" are not disclosed in, nor suggested by, the references cited by the Patent Office in the present Office Action. For at least these reasons, the Applicant believes that new claims 22-40 define patentably over the prior art and respectfully requests consideration of these claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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